

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2008, claim 1 has been amended, and claims 8 and 9 have been canceled. Claims 1-7 are now pending in this application. No new matter has been added.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

I. Claims 1-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weston et al. (USPN 6,608,563) in view of White (U.S. 2004/0201702).

The indication that claim 9 is objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is acknowledged and appreciated.

By this response, independent claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of base claim 9 and intervening claim 8, both now canceled.

II. In view of the above, claims 1-7, as amended, are believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, applicant(s) believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

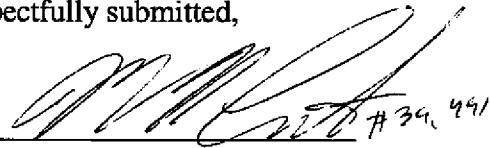
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Edward J. Wise (Reg. No. 34,523)

at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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